

RAB 5:30 PM Tuesday November 16, 2021 Minutes

* **Welcome: Judy welcomed everyone.** Present: Judy Vaughan, Don Bagley, Justin Beaulieu, Paul Beaulieu, Allana Page, Meagan Ballou, Amanda Marshall, Tracy Puffer, Laura Shrewsbury, Brian Emerson, Sam Perry.

There was a brief introduction and Sam Peery introduced himself as the representative from the Thetford Academy Board.

* **Approval of September Minutes:** Don Bagley motioned to have the minutes of the Sept. 28 meeting be accepted as written. Justin seconded and the minutes were approved.

* **COVID Update:** Brian gave a COVID update. River Bend has been hit hard the last couple of weeks with five individuals testing positive. Brian mentioned all five schools have been great with communication. The biggest problem is finding enough substitutes.

* **Budget Update**

Update on \$50,000 Donation. Nancy Manning had done up a financial sheet regarding the \$50,000 stock donation. Total received \$51,209.13, purchase of Ton truck from Oxbow \$13,800.00, pay off Ag. Tractor \$10,187.19, Two \$500 scholarships will be awarded totaling \$1,000
Total spent: \$24,987.19

Remaining money pay to Invesco to deposit in Scholarship Corp. \$26,221.94

ESSER Grant Update: Brian handed out an overview of the ESSER funds and thanked Superintendent Knisley for supporting River Bend with ESSER funds. Summer Tech. Camp \$16,000, Cover the remaining Salary and benefits for At Risk Intervention \$20,000, Outreach Coordinator \$20,000, Work Keys Standardized Assessments \$12,000, New Credit Recovery Program \$8,500, Middle School outreach and rotation \$19,500 Totaling: \$96,000

Extra TIME Grant Overview: Brian reported that although River Bend had received a TIME Grant that was applied for last year and received this year, he was notified that there was extra money. Brian put together a quick addition which mostly consisted of technology upgrades for the overall Center, Cyber Security and more advertising money for the Cyber Security Program.

Motion to Have OUUSD Set Equipment Rolling Fund: At the previous RAB meeting it was discussed recommending to the OUUSD Board to set up an Equipment Fund for River Bend. This fund would set up so as to accept funding that would accrue ongoing for year to year so as to help River Bend build a funding cushion specific to equipment. "It is recommended by the RAB to the OUUSD Board to set up an equipment fund for

River Bend.” Moved by Don Bagley seconded by Meagan Ballou and passed unanimously.

Approval of Recommended Tuition Rate: Brian handed out a tuition comparison which showed River Bend had the lowest tuition in the area. Brian described how Vermont’s funding formula goes through a three year cycle. There’s one more year with a very low enrollment year averaged in but after that, if the enrollments hold, River Bend should be looking okay even if it didn’t receive many grants. Sam Perry commented how River Bend’s tuition is the lowest and even with this increase will still be one of the lowest. The proposed tuition rate recommended by the RAB to the OUUSD Board was \$17,350 for the 2022-2023 School year. The motion was moved by Maegan Ballou and seconded by Sam Perry, the motion carried unanimously.

*** Programs Update**

Teacher Education Program: Laura Shrewsbury gave an overview of her Teacher Education Program. There are currently seven students enrolled and they are engaged in internships and work based learning opportunities. It was discussed how there’s going to be a shortage of teachers and hopefully this Program will grow.

Proficiencies Update: Laura also gave an overview of the CTE Proficiencies work going on in the state. All programs are involved and are required to have these Proficiencies complete in the next couple of years. Laura is the Curriculum Coordinator for River Bend and is leading this proficiencies effort. The three focuses of River Bends proficiencies this year are Academic Alignment, Career Readiness and CTE Technical standards.

Laura discussed how the proficiencies in math will work to tie into the sending school’s math proficiencies. Justin mentioned how the math he learned at River Bend stayed with him but the other classroom math he never used and doesn’t remember now. There was a discussion on how students need to be exposed to everyday financial literacy. Brian and Laura mentioned how they’re trying to tie this financial literacy into every Program.

Comprehensive Learning Needs Assessment Overview: Tracy gave an overview of the Comprehensive Learning Needs Assessment. It will be an intense process. Programs are going to self-analyze and promote their own Programs. There must be justification supported by data that supports continuing these Programs. This process must be done before River Bend can receive any Perkin’s money.

***Reports from Around Schools:** All schools are struggling with COVID and are hoping to get back to normal in the spring??

*** Public Comments: None**

*** Adjourn: Meeting voted to adjourn at 7:08 pm.**

Next Meeting: January 25, at 5:30 PM